

HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR YOUR NEW HIBISCUS

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There have been so many articles written on Hibiscus that it is a difficult task to know which to follow as there are many differences of opinion.

I have been asked to write this article using my own methods of planting and care following that planting. If I can be of some help to you then I will feel that it was well worth the effort as there is absolutely no flowering plant that you can grow that will compare to the Hibiscus.

When you decide to plant Hibiscus I would suggest that you take your list of desired varieties to a reputable nurseryman, preferably one that grows a large selection of varieties. You would be wise to heed his advise as some of the most beautiful ones are such poor growers or producers it may not be worth your trouble to try growing them.

In purchasing a plant I would advise you to settle for a smaller plant and use the difference in making a good hole in which to plant it. I have seen some very large, lush plants put into a hole that has had very little if anything added and in no time at all the plant was a sorry specimen.

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* Since the Halifax Chapter has picked me to be general show chairman for the third year in a row, I spent an evening reading old Seed Pods looking for ideas for our 12th annual "Hibiscus Holiday" September 16, 1962. *

* Did I get any? No! But what a flood of memories of the shows we have attended and the people we have met. Remember the St. Pete shows before the A.H.S. chapter was formed there? Remember when Jacksonville had two shows a year; the Palatka shows at the Womans Club; the Orlando shows at the Fair Grounds; the wonderful arrangements at the Ft. Myers shows; the rainy days the Vero Beach show people are always blessed with; Miami shows? The moving Ridge show; the new Golden Triangle with A.H.S. members from all over pitching in to help. Memories of our own shows and the people who got out of bed at one o'clock a.m. to set up a show because the hall was not available till then. The dew or downpour when we picked blooms at 3 a.m. and drove 100 - 200 or more miles to go to a show. Deland and Uncle Bertie; Alex Barthle and all those fine people. *

* SEE Y'ALL AT THE DAYTONA SHOW *
